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PARTIAL APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID FISH AND WILDLIFE FUNDS MADE TO STATES

State fish and wildlife restoration projects will receive an apportionment of \$12,800,000 in Federal aid, with funds to be available July 1, Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton announced today.

The balance of Federal Aid fish and wildlife restoration program funds for the year ending June 30, 1961, will be apportioned at the usual time in the fall.

Secretary Seaton stated that the early apportionment is designed to help States program their Federal Aid activities more advantageously. It will be of special importance to those States operating on a revolving fund basis.

Under the Federal Aid fish and wildlife restoration programs, States expend their own funds on approved projects and are then reimbursed up to 75 percent of the cost. On July 1, 1959, 14 States had exhausted their Federal Aid money available for obligation for fish restoration programs and 16 States were without Federal Aid funds for obligation on wildlife restoration activities. Several other States had less than \$5,000 in Federal Aid funds available for obligation. The partial apportionment will make it possible for States to immediately claim reimbursement after July 1, 1960 for expenditures made in connection with projects approved for the year ending July 1, 1961.

Federal Aid funds are derived from an excise tax on sporting guns and ammunition and on sporting rods, reels, creels and artificial lures. Distribution is made on a formula based upon the number of license holders in a State and on its area. The two Federal Aid Acts are administered by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Service.

Of the partial apportionment of \$12,800,000 a total of \$10,300,000 is for the restoration of wildlife and \$2,500,000 for the restoration of fish. No indication was given relative to the probable total apportionment but in recent years wildlife restoration funds have been between \$12 and \$13 million (exclusive of a \$2,693,000 backlog which no longer exists) and fish restoration funds have been something in excess of five million dollars.

A State by State apportionment of the funds available July 1 is attached.

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APPORTIONMENT FOR FEDERAL AID IN FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION
FISCAL YEAR 1961

	<u>FISH</u>	<u>WILDLIFE</u>
Alabama	\$ 50,930.23	\$ 182,701.66
Alaska	123,500.00	513,500.00
Arizona	46,690.61	220,244.05
Arkansas	49,103.05	159,074.65
California	123,500.00	454,954.65
*Colorado	57,844.61	* 234,994.32
Connecticut	24,700.00	51,350.00
Delaware	24,700.00	51,350.00
**Florida	** 18,596.38	147,600.41
Georgia	52,379.74	169,515.78
Hawaii	24,700.00	51,350.00
Idaho	40,743.61	197,832.63
Illinois	67,300.07	255,228.22
Indiana	61,910.57	250,711.46
Iowa	43,808.23	208,028.38
Kansas	41,083.64	208,376.23
Kentucky	39,432.44	153,907.49
Louisiana	27,990.65	167,875.76
Maine	25,337.17	111,356.97
Maryland	24,700.00	70,409.60
Massachusetts	24,700.00	54,070.77
*Michigan	100,875.28	* 321,143.97
*Minnesota	110,507.08	* 269,884.64
Mississippi	32,319.36	143,123.97
Missouri	66,041.69	227,635.18
Montana	58,004.13	303,251.64
Nebraska	35,294.93	181,932.00
Nevada	35,475.83	193,165.66
New Hampshire	24,700.00	51,350.00
New Jersey	24,700.00	68,336.75
New Mexico	44,535.26	231,515.32
New York	69,919.08	305,724.52
North Carolina	43,675.61	210,350.30
North Dakota	26,158.49	143,917.71
Ohio	70,936.41	287,980.03
Oklahoma	48,190.37	161,426.37
Oregon	50,440.01	251,310.16
Pennsylvania	56,199.57	390,842.86
Rhode Island	24,700.00	51,350.00
South Carolina	28,785.20	104,487.10
South Dakota	31,561.83	188,855.76
Tennessee	66,959.48	203,482.97
Texas	123,500.00	513,500.00
Utah	37,408.09	195,655.98
Vermont	24,700.00	51,350.00
Virginia	40,836.36	200,077.00
Washington	45,604.54	203,582.46
West Virginia	24,700.00	126,983.72
*Wisconsin	90,513.53	* 216,816.28
Wyoming	39,106.87	195,516.22

*Portion of funds in the aggregate sum of \$361,018.40 temporarily withheld pending receipt of acceptable certification of paid hunting license holders.

**Apportionment made on basis of land area only.